## SENATE BILL 3261 By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation provider civil penalties.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50-6-233, is amended by adding a new subsection (c)(8) as follows:

(8) To establish a civil penalty, to be assessed at the discretion of the commissioner, against a provider who has, after proper notification and appropriate time to respond, refused to make repayment to a payor for a payment that exceeds the medical fee schedule after exhausting all appeals. Under no circumstances shall a provider be assessed a civil penalty solely for receiving payment from a payor that exceeds the medical fee schedule.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.